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There is only so much that 49 people can do and do intelligently and any man has to admit if he has been a member of this body any time that he can't be knowledgeable on all these bills. It is an impossibility and I came down here two years ago in fairly good health. Now I have high blood pressure and ulcers, both, by only trying to worry about this billion dollars a year, but it is no laughing matter to me. I think we're not doing justice to the citizens of this state and I came down here with one thought in mind, to serve them and I think we know best how to serve them. At least, I like to think so.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President, members of the body, I think this dishrag has been drained dry. I call for the question.

SPEAKER: Can I delay that for just a second? There has been a state senator who has been requesting the floor here for some time. I don't feel that it would be fair to him, if that is alright with you, Senator. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this has been pretty well discussed but there is one other angle I would like to mention and that is when I was in Fremont last weekend I was approached on this very subject and I understand that some states, some legislatures hire an independent firm to analyze and summarize the bills. And it makes a lot of sense to me. For instance, there is one bill that's over 200 pages and it is pretty hard to analyze all of the bills yourself. I had a call in the Appropriations Committee just yesterday from the Chamber of Commerce manager in Fremont wanted information on four bills. I had a member of the staff prepare that. If I'd of had this summary or the analysis of the bills, I could have answered it myself without referring to one of the staff members. I wonder if Senator Carpenter or Senator Savage in their committee have considered anything like this in their deliberations. Of employing a private or an independent agency to summarize and analyze the bills as they do in some other states.

SPEAKER: If that concludes the discussion are you ready for the question? I know Senator Snyder has moved the previous question but if there are no objections the clerk will read the motion.

CLERK: Read.

SPEAKER: Senator Simpson, do you wish to close?

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, members, I think we have had a full discussion. There seems to be some need for this information and I would hope we would pass the action and allow the individuals to, at least, get down on paper and put in what they have for needs and then we can assess that and see what can be done about it.

SPEAKER: You have heard the question. All those in favor say aye, opposed no. The motion has carried. Now is there any further business on the clerk's desk. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, along with our discussion we have on General File LB 204 and I would like to move that we refer to General File in order to take up 204. It may not be on your desk but they are now passing a copy of the bill out. It is short. It is understandable and it goes along with what I understand your desires are. I ask unanimous consent to revert back to General File.

SPEAKER: Any objection to that? Alright, we will proceed on General File with LB 204. Clerk will read.

CLERK: Read title. LB 204. There are no amendments, Mr. President.